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SUBJECT: CBC OPPOSITION TO US ZAIRIAN INVOLVEMENT

THE NEW YORK TIMES OF JUNE 7 REPORTS THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS IS URGING THE USG TO AVOID BROADENING INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE. PORTIONS OF THE AP-BASED STORY FOLLOW:

QUOTE THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS TODAY URGED THAT THE UNTIED STATES AVOID TURNING THE WAR IN ZAIRE INTO A TEST OF STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

REPRESENTATIVE PARREN J. MITCHELL, DEMOCRAT OF MARYLAND, THE CAUCUS CHAIRMAN, SAID SOVIET OR CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE OR ANY OTHER AFRICAN NATION "IS AN INTERNAL POSITION FOR THE VARIOUS AFRICAN STATES TO RESOLVE."

THE CAUCUS OPPOSED CREATION OF ANY EUROPEAN-SPONSORED MILITARY FORCE IN AFRICA UNLESS IT WAS FORMED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. THERE IS A DANGER OF CREATING A NEW VIETNAM-LIKE SITUATION IF THE UNITED STATES BROADENS ITS INVOLVEMENT. MR. MITCHELL SAID.

THE CAUCUS SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BEWARE OF OVERREACTING TO ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS BECAUSE MANY FACTORS UNRELATED TO EITHER THE UNITED

STATES OR THE SOVIET UNION HELPED CREATE THOSE PROBLEMS.
THE STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT
BE MAKING AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT OUT OF A REGIONAL
DISPUTE.

"LIKE ALL OTHER NATIONS, AFRICAN NATIONS ARE ENTITLED
TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN PROBLEMS CALLING ON WHOM THEY
WISH FOR HELP," MR. MITCHELL SAID.

THE CAUCUS OPPOSED THE USE OF UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT
TO AIRLIFT MOROCCAN TROOPS INTO ZAIRE TO HELP KEEP
THE PEACE.

"IT CERTAINLY SUGGESTS TO ME THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING
SO INVOLVED AND ENMESHED IN AFRICAN NATIONS THAT THERE
MIGHT BE FURTHER STEPS BY OTHER NATIONS WHICH WOULD
PRESENT US WITH A SITUATION COMPARABLE TO THE ONE WE HAD
IN VIETNAM," MR. MITCHELL SAID. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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